(c) is any amount provided for its extension in the budget for the current year; if not, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for this sad omission?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) About 4 miles.

(b) About 1½ miles.

(c) No. The omission was due to want of funds and the urgent demand for other works in this village.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Will the Government kindly find their way to include some funds next year at least for the road in question?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—They will consider it at the time of the budget.

Vilification—articles.

193. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they intend taking for the effective prevention of the general vilifications of ladies and gentlemen in which some Cochin publications are now indulging?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Action will be taken as far as possible under the provisions of the Penal Code, provided information is brought to the notice of the authorities concerned about the commission of such offences. Steps are also being taken to amend the Press Regulation.

Vellarappilli Irrigation Scheme.

194. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government undertook the Vellarappilli Irrigation Scheme;

(b) if so, when it was undertaken;

(c) how far it has progressed;

(d) and the total amount spent on the scheme till now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) In 1105.

(c) The works of opening the canal and installing the machinery have been completed. The installation is now in working order.

(d) Rs. 14,416—11—11.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the total area to be benefited by the scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The scheme will benefit about 800 acres.

Tobacco imports—Vellarappilli.

195. **Mr. Joseph Pettah.**—Will the Government be pleased to state—

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